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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy Memorandum SJA-02 - Relief for Cause of Commissioned and Noncommissioned Officers and Limitation of Exercise of Disciplinary Authority by Subordinates

1. Relief for cause of commissioned officers:

a. Army Regulation 600-20, para 2-17, requires that action to relieve an officer from any command position will not be taken without first obtaining written approval of the first general officer in the chain of command.

b. The requirements of AR 600-20, para 2-17, concerning relief for cause are hereby extended to all captains and above, whether or not in command positions.

2. Relief for cause of noncommissioned officers:

a. Action to relieve a command sergeant major, sergeant major, first sergeant, or master sergeant will not be taken without my prior written approval.

b. Action to relieve sergeants first class, staff sergeants, or sergeants must be approved in writing by the first colonel commander or above in the chain of command.

3. In cases of relief for cause where the individual's continued presence in the duty position may be detrimental to the organization, this policy does not preclude temporary suspension from assigned duties pending approval of a recommended relief.

4. The provisions of AR 623-105 and AR 623-205 concerning administrative review of relief reports remain applicable. United States Army Reserve and Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) personnel are governed by AR 135-18.

5. Limitation of exercise of disciplinary authority by subordinates:

a. Pursuant to Fort Polk Supplement to AR 27-10, para 3-7(d), the exercise of administrative or military justice disciplinary authority over commissioned officers, warrant officers, and command sergeants major is specifically reserved by the commanding general for all units at Fort Polk. All instances of misconduct or suspected misconduct involving commissioned officers,

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warrant officers, or command sergeants major must be promptly reported to the staff judge advocate.

b. Offenses involving wrongful use, possession, or distribution of controlled substances will be disposed of at the LTC or higher command level.

6. This policy will remain in effect until superceded or rescinded.



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